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“To become priests or religious is not primarily our choice... It is the response to a call of love. I hear something within me, which makes me restless, and I answer yes.” — Pope Francis



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Discover your

MISSION



The love of Christ compels us!

Young men from around the world are following the footsteps of Christ and answering this personal call like His first apostles. Like St. Paul, they sense the same urgency to preach the Gospel and have come to the Legion of Christ novitiate in Cheshire, Connecticut to discover their mission.

It is not about whether someone feels worthy or not. It's all about a personal call from God to give something *more*. That something more may very well be your God given mission. With the help of a spiritual director, in an atmosphere of prayer and openness with God, we realize more clearly His plan for us and, by His grace, we can develop the capacity to live it fully.

Discerning a priestly vocation and discovering ones mission within the New Evangelization requires listening to God in prayer and acting on the Word we receive. Our seminarians are fully dedicated to this in the family atmosphere of joyful, like-minded young men, living the profound spirit of charity within the Legionary community.

The two year novitiate program is the first official step towards the priesthood in the Legionary family.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart... in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths. — Proverbs 3:5-6



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Come Experience...



Christ is the focal point of all Legionary Life, beginning in the novitiate. Here we learn how to put Him first in our daily lives. This experience of Christ is the renewing source of motivation for each Legionary to lay down his life for others out of love. Spirituality classes,

meditation, Mass, Rosary, Adoration, and personal reflection time each day, together with frequent spiritual direction help novices learn and live the unique spirituality of the Legionaries of Christ and experience the transforming power of God's grace in their lives.



The charity and genuine goodness found in the brotherhood of **community** life show the presence of God among us. The novices' profound joy along with their generous self giving will give you the strength to put aside your fears, step out of the boat and follow the One who chose you first.



Forming Apostles as Christ formed His Apostles is the **mission** we prepare ourselves for in the novitiate. By giving ourselves completely to Christ, He fills our hearts with passionate zeal for His kingdom. We strive to grow in God's grace and be filled with the knowledge and experience of Christ. In this way, we prepare to evangelize and transform our culture.



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Why Cheshire?

Fr Christopher Brackett LC Rector, Novitiate & College of Humanities

What a great privilege for me, as rector, to be part of this community of generous young men who are following Christ with enthusiasm, joy, and hope. These men, who on a human level are called to be fathers, now are supernaturally called to be His presence in this world. They form a unique brotherhood with a family spirit based on the same mission – to be apostles of Jesus Christ, preparing others to live and share the faith in their daily lives.

Br Michael Matthews LC

The example of the Legionaries really inspired me. I wanted to be a Legionary from a very young age. As I grew older, and my vocation matured, my desire to be a Legionary increased. I immediately felt at home when I visited Sacred Heart Apostolic School in Indiana – the spirit was so amazing. I felt God wanted me there. After five years at the Apostolic School, I joined the Legionary Novitiate in Cheshire. God asked me to follow Him and I've never been happier than as a Legionary and a future priest.

Br Matthew Floro LC

Priesthood...the idea first came to mind when my aunt asked me, "Matthew, have you ever thought of becoming a priest?" I didn't expect that question from her. I tried to brush it aside, yet it was a seed that had been planted and couldn't be uprooted. Christ began to let me know how much He loved me and wanted me to be with Him. At first I was afraid to make any decision for fear of losing my freedom. Only after joining the Legion's candidacy program (where I gave the definitive "yes") did I find true and lasting peace. God never forces His will on us, He invites and offers it to us.

Br Christopher Daniels LC

I felt a fear of the priesthood. Looking at Christ on the cross in the chapel, all I could think was: can I do that for Him? Can I give up everything for Christ? I thought of my family, my friends, my girlfriend...and I ran. But He pursued me and eventually I gave in and went to see if the priesthood was really what God was calling me to. At first I was mad at God for taking away all the things that I saw as happiness. But then I felt the peace of God's love like never before and I have never been the same. I came because God called me, but stayed because I have said "yes," every day, to that call.

*Be not afraid...
Come follow me!*

I Want More! I want to attend a *Test Your Call* retreat in Cheshire

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